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WIDEN WOODWARD

That the future growth of Birmingham lies in the widening of Woodward avenue is believed by all. That the safety of present citizens of Birmingham, in traveling back and forth to Detroit each day by automobile, depends upon the decreased hazard and risk of vehicle traffic over this thoroughfare is another undisputed fact. Everybody north of the City of Detroit believes that Woodward avenue from the Six Mile road to Pontiac, is entirely too narrow. Then let's widen it.

Detroit, next spring, we are told, will widen Woodward avenue from the Six Mile to the Eight Mile Road, placing the D. U. R. tracks in the center. After this is done Detroit will have gone as far as she can, through her Wayne County Commissioners, to make Woodward avenue less hazardous to the traveling public. The people of Oakland county should thank Wayne County for her action in the matter.

But what shall Oakland County do? That is the burning question of the hour. The progressive, conscientious and correctly informed person will declare: "Let us of Oakland County take the necessary steps to widen the most dangerous highway in America' from the Eight Mile Road to the City of Pontiac."

The Birmingham Real Estate Board, following a meeting last week, voted unanimously in taking the necessary action to widen Woodward Avenue. They will enlist the aid of officials in Ferndale, Royal Oak, Birmingham and Pontiac to accomplish this. They will make a thorough investigation of the matter and we hope that, very soon, the public will be given some information that will reveal a great deal of progress made in this direction.

In the meantime, every resident of our fair Village should speak approvingly of any methods fairly used to widen Woodward avenue. Every official of Bloomfield Township should lend his or her support to this project.

THE NEW HOTEL

More or less startling to many local residents was the news printed several weeks ago of the formation of the Birmingham Hotel and Amusement Company, and the attendant announcement that nearly a quarter of a million dollars would be spent on the construction of a new hotel and motion picture show in Birmingham. A few negative expressions were heard but, on the other hand, the majority of Birminghamers expressed a keen and highly approving desire that such an institution be erected.

As a matter of fact, we residents of Birmingham are in the same position as a leaky drain-pipe from the roof to the soft water cistern in our basement—a good deal of the water that falls from above gets away.

We are close to the City of Detroit. We know that Detroit is bound to grow to almost double its present population within the next few years. There is a certain class of Detroit people who will seek homesites outside of the parent city. Where will they go? That, of course, is for them to decide. But the chances are, all things considered, that they will go in a direction where they can be afforded as many of the conveniences of city life, with its attendant allurements, that can be realized only in a smaller community. Birmingham has acquired the highly complimentary term of "The Pride of Old Oakland." Naturally, then, many foot-steps will start in the direction of our fair village.

But what have we to offer these prospective citizens of Birmingham? A good many things that they want. About as much, if not more, than any other community our size so close to Detroit. But don't we want to offer them even more—realizing, of course, that these offerings are for ourselves to enjoy as well? Surely Birmingham is not going to stop growing in spirit as well as in population!

Would it not be well, then, to look upon this new hotel and motion picture show in the light of an addition of pride to Birmingham, the same as the Hill Auditorium is to Ann Arbor, or the Orchestra Hall to Detroit?

The leaky drain-pipe to the cistern of the Village of Birmingham is caused by those things in a community that make for discomfort and inconvenience. A large leak could be repaired if we had within our confines a modern hotel and amusement house where we, as residents, could enjoy their comforts; and to which the prospective residents of Birmingham would be attracted.

No sensible, right-thinking person can justifiably do anything but boost this new project. It will be a wonderful milestone in the life journey of Birmingham, when this edifice is thrown open to the public.

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FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

Forty Four Years Ago

Nort McHenry has a lantern for sale.

A new water cooler at the D. and M. station is the latest purchase.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle cleared $11 last Wednesday on their entertainment in the hall. They felt it was a big success.

Frank Lowes fell from a bridge in the dark last Monday night and was badly hurt. Dr. Galbraith of Pontiac, was telegraphed for.

Thore and Converse, the meat men, will soon have a wagon on the road and will sell choice meat cheaper than the cheapest.

For Sale—Cheap, a fine parlor organ. Will take in part payment hay, wheat, oats, corn or sheep.

When you want a nice shawl, come to Corson's store and get it.

Twenty Five Years Ago

See the good overcoats we are selling at $7.50. J. L. Hudson.

What sort of a war would it be between the United States and Spain? If Spain cannot whip a few poorly armed Cubans, what headway could she make fighting the United States? These questions are all the answers needed to the foolish talk about Spain declaring war against us if we recognize the Independence of Cuba.

Good soft wood for sale at 80 cents per cord at Ed. S. Daniels.

Windmills and pumps, garden and flower seeds, cook stoves, tin work a specialty, fine plows; to be had at A. Blakeslee's.

"PRESS PICKINGS"

The 29th annual convention of the Woman's Relief Corps of District No. 1 was held in Port Huron recently. The meeting was opened by the district president, Mrs. Mataline Ward of Detroit. The reports of the district proved this a busy and prosperous year, over $4,000 being expended for patriotic work.

One of the most important bits of information given out by the Wayne county road commission, at least so far as Wayne is concerned, is the assurance that work on the paving of the Wayne road north of Northville, will be started at an early date with the possibility that the start will be made next spring. Already surveyors are working on the project and it has been unofficially stated that grading has started in the vicinity of Warren avenue.

Under the auspices of the Oakland County Sportsman's Association a large number of fish have been sent to men in Farmington to plant in nearby lakes. Mr. Emory Hatton, altogether this year, has planted forty-six cans of fish in Walled Lake, and others of equal prominence have done the same.

Mail sacks were stolen from the Pere Marquette depot at Northville recently. They were thrown from a late train and left until morning. The mail pouch was found in nearby woods, together with some of the mail, by hunters. The loss has not, as yet, been ascertained.

Plymouth was the scene of a stabbing affray recently when Sam Perone was killed by Joseph Russo who is in a Detroit hospital with his hands badly lacerated from the butcher knife with which he is alleged to have killed Perone. The men were section hands on the Pere Marquette railroad.

Last Friday saw the beginning of a new home for the State Police now located in Farmington. On account of the suitability of the location Farmington was chosen by the authorities.

Increased school enrollment and consequent crowded conditions at Utica, combined with lack of recreation rooms, resulted in the school board voting to do away with the school auditorium. It has become a question of either doing this, or providing other quarters for part of the pupils.

A get-together meeting of members of the Huron Fruit Belt and Oakland County Horticultural societies, will be held at Northville, Nov. 8.

DURAND CIGARS, very mild. adv

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, in Chancery.

No. 9540

LOUIS ZOX, Plaintiff.
Vs.
WILLIAM H. COURTAINE, et al.
Defendants.

In pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, in Chancery, made and entered on the 8th day of October, A. D., 1921, in the above entitled cause, I, George B. Hartrick, the subscriber, a Circuit Court Commissioner for the County of Oakland, shall sell at public auction or vendue to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said County of Oakland, on Tuesday, the 6th day of December, A. D., 1921, at 12 o'clock noon, Eastern Standard Time, of that day, all those certain lands, premises and property, parcel 1 situated in the said County of Oakland, and parcel 2 in the said County of Wayne, in the State of Michigan, described as follows, to-wit:

PARCEL 1.

Lots numbered 51, 52, 53, 54, 119, 120, 121, 122, 128, 129, 109 to 118, both inclusive, 19, 20, 21, 68, 69, 317 to 321, both inclusive, 64 to 67, both inclusive, 71, 25, 18, 40 to 48, both inclusive, 59 to 63, both inclusive, 154 to 173, both inclusive, 22, 23, 24, 49, 50, 283, to 287, both inclusive, 37, 38, 39, 122, 124, 29, 30, 33, 34, 300 to 316, both inclusive, 325 to 338, both inclusive, of Cass Park Subdivision of part of the west one-half of Section 3 West Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 11 of Plats on page 35, Oakland County records.

PARCEL 2.

The west thirty-eight (38) feet of Lot Fifty-six (56) and the east five (5) feet of Lot fifty-five (55) of the Woodland Subdivision of the north twenty (20) acres of the south half of quarter section twenty-four (24) of the Ten Thousand Acre Tract, Hamtramck, the same being known as Number 227 Gold number north side of Woodland Avenue, in the City of Detroit, Michigan.

Dated this 17th day of October, A. D., 1921.

GEORGE B. HARTRICK,
Circuit Court Commissioner
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South half of the southwest quarter of Section 3; the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 3; east half of west half of northwest quarter of Section 3. Also a triangular piece of land off of the southwest corner of the northwest quarter of Section 3, commencing at the south-west corner of the northwest quarter of Section 3, running east 40 rods, thence north 10 rods, thence in a southwesterly direction to the place of beginning, containing one and one-quarter acres in triangular form, all contained one hundred seventy-seven and one-quarter acres, more or less.

Also a triangular piece of land off of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 3. All of the above described lands are in Township 2 North, Range 9 East, Oakland County, Michigan, excepting lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 31, 32, 73, 74, 76, 78, 80, 84, 85, 87, 88, 104, 105, 125, 126, 127, 132, 134, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 163, 186, 187, 219, 220, 221, 254, 322, 323, 324, 339, 371, 372, 373, 378, 384, 385, 387, and excepting lots 51, 52, 53, 54, 119, 120, 121, 122, 128, 129, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 19, 20, 21, 64, 69, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 64, 65, 66, 67, 71, 25, 18, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 133, 135, 136, 137, 27, 23, 24, 49, 50, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 37, 38, 39, 123, 124, 29, 30, 33, 34, 300, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98.

The sale of the above described land will be made subject to all installments of principal, interest and other charges yet to become due upon the real estate mortgage for the foreclosure of which said decree was made as aforesaid, and subject to all other prior liens and encumbrances, taxes, assessments, etc.

Dated this 17th day of October, A. D. 1921.

GEORGE B. HARTRICK,
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STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the Fifth day of October, A. D. 1921.

Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Anna M. Cutcheon, Deceased.

Augustus C. Stellwagen, having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to Augustus C. Stellwagen, executor named in the will or to some other suitable person;

It is Ordered, That the 14th day of November, A. D. 1921, at eight A. M. at said Probate Office, is hereby appointed for hearing said petition;

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

ROSS STOCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
DAN A. McGAFFEY,
Register of Probate. 28

WOMEN PLEAD FOR SANCTIFICATION OF THE FIRESIDE

Convention of Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs at Grand Rapids Is Interesting

By Mrs. Iva Marlotte

The moving forces of the entire world seemed to pass across the platform in bewildering procession at the convention of the Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs at Grand Rapids last week.

Mrs. Percy V. Pennypacker of Texas, a past president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, addressed the convention. All that club women strive to make of themselves is exemplified in the personality of Mrs. Pennypacker. She plead for the culture of the fireside, more particularly for the sanctification of the family circle at meal time by making it a place for ennobling and educative conversation. She also sounded the ringing note of public service—educated and unselfish—showing the women what tremendous power they have if they will stand together, and asking them to use it in forming public opinion through their families and their friends. She asked women to form their own opinions by reading, thinking and listening and not to appropriate a second-hand opinion to which they had no right. Mrs. Pennypacker went on record as being opposed to the formation of a Woman's Party, saying that a great body of women formed in opposition to the men would be a disaster.

Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, now president of the General Federation, is a learned and brilliant woman and her address on "The Moving World" was an example of nobility and idealism linked with practical and everyday means and expressed in masterly style. She touched upon the great questions of the day and asked that women use their power in all things concerning our moral welfare. She, too, designated the home and its purpose as the center of club activities and the highest and dearest considerations of club women, showing that the interest of the home could no longer be protected by staying within its four walls.

Round these ideas revolved all the different reports and speeches showing up every problem of the calendar from world disarmament to correct clothes, and what women's clubs are doing to meet them.

Disarmament had a prominent place, few speakers omitting mention of it. All the women strongly supported the movement for partial disarmament, looking toward total disarmament as the ultimate goal for the world. A letter was sent to President Harding asking that Mrs. Thomas G. Winter be given a place at the conference convening in Washington on Armistice Day.

There were many special speakers on different subjects, among whom was Virginia Mae Murray, superintendent of Detroit Police Women, and Miss Edna Noble White of the Merrill Palmer School, of Detroit. An occasional male person on the program was well able to justify his presence there, including Rev. Alfred Wishart of Grand Rapids, and Col. Charles S. Bullock of South Bend, Ind. Music was given a prominent place in honor of Music Week, which gave Grand Rapids an opportunity to exploit its remarkable musical background, due in large part, they told us, to the efficient method of teaching music in the schools of that city.

Many resolutions were passed, changes made in the constitution of the Federation and tribute paid to deceased members. A letter was sent to Gov. Groesbeck asking for a room in the State Capitol to be used for headquarters for the Women's Legislative Council during all sessions of the legislature.

Grand Rapids extended to the convention a splendid hospitality ending with an automobile ride for the delegates. Next year the convention will be held in either Flint or Detroit.

VILLAGE COMMISSION ASKS PURCHASE OF SEWER BONDS

Offer $10,000.00 Worth of Sewer Bonds, Tax Free, Bearing Six Per Cent Interest; Seek Local Purchasers

The Village Commission, at its meeting October 10th, viewed with satisfaction the proof of the sewer bonds ordered printed several weeks ago and expressed the hope that local citizens would come to the fore in the early purchase of them.

"We can easily sell these bonds in Detroit," said President Clizbe, "but we would rather give local people the first chance. The bonds are for a term of from one to five years and will, beside being tax exempt, bear a six per cent rate of interest. We have issued them in denominations of $100, the total amount of the issue being $10,000."

The Commission also expressed a desire that persons who are being benefitted by the installation of the sanitary sewers constructed or under construction this summer would pay as much of their individual assessment as possible.

WATCH OUT, BOYS!

Whispered stories are going the rounds in deputy sheriff circles these days regarding the capture of the boys who are intent on breaking the glass in the lamps adorning the entrance of the Bloomfield Estates, at the Charing Cross road and Woodward avenue.

For several weeks past these lamps have been broken by unruly boys in that vicinity. As fast as new lights are put in, they are broken. A close watch by nearby residents has been other performance of lamps breaking kept with the result that a number of deputy sheriffs are on the constant arrests. will undoubtedly lead to several

Parents of children are asked to lookout for a repetition of the damage. It is claimed that the names warn their boys against this destruction of a number of suspects have been tion of property.

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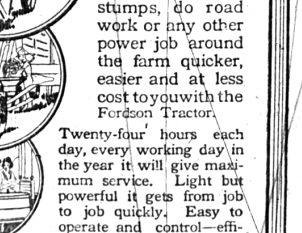

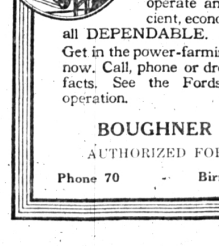

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